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H. R. 1558

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Computer-Assisted Re-
5 mote Hunting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPUTER-ASSISTED REMOTE HUNTING FACILI-**
7 **TIES.**

8 (a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 49. Computer-assisted remote hunting**

2 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Whoever, using any instrumen-
3 tality of interstate or foreign commerce, knowingly makes
4 available a computer-assisted remote hunt shall be fined
5 under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or
6 both.

7 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Providing an instrumentality of
8 commerce, such as equipment or access to the Internet,
9 is not a violation of this section unless the provider intends
10 the use of the equipment or access for a computer-assisted
11 remote hunt.

12 “(c) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAW.—Nothing
13 in this section limits the power of State and local authori-
14 ties to enact laws or regulations concerning computer-as-
15 sisted remote hunting facilities.

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

17 “(1) the term ‘computer-assisted remote hunt’
18 means any use of a computer or any other device,
19 equipment, or software, to allow a person remotely
20 to control the aiming and discharge of a weapon so
21 as to kill or injure an animal while not in the phys-
22 ical presence of the targeted animal; and

23 “(2) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate
24 commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television,
25 or other form of communication in, or using a facil-
26 ity of, interstate commerce.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 3 of title 18, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“49. Computer-assisted remote hunting.”.

